

and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500282.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] The contact information received by the central network station 120 from the service provider stations 140 is formatted as necessary to enable various directory assistance service providers (collectively represented in Figure 3 by a single site 160, although it should be understood that multiple directory assistance service providers can interface with the central network station 120) to interface with the network station 120 and query it for contact information, possibly in exchange for a fee. The directory assistance provider contact sites ~~60~~ 160 preferably interface with the central network station 20 via the Internet. The manipulation of that information results in a unified database of telecommunications device users. In effect, the network station 120 is a routing, switching, data storage, and interface system. All communications with the various stations to which the central station 120 is coupled may occur through digital, analog, T1, T3, CAT5, frame-based data transport protocols, asynchronous mode transport protocols, among others. The central network station 120 periodically polls the service provider stations 140 (preferably one or more times per day) and is continuously accessible by directory assistance provider contact sites 160 worldwide so as to provide essentially real-time contact information.